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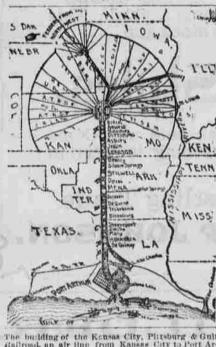




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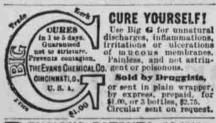
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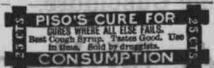


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RUSSIA'S GREAT PLAN.

WILL CONNECT BALTIC AND BLACK SEAS.

The Largest Ship Canal in the World Will Soon be Begun-Its Aim to Make the Czar Master of Europe and



(Special Letter.) OW that the trans-Siberian Railway is faradvanced toward completion, the Russian governanother great scheme, which will importance the Kiel

Canal, It has always been considered by the Russian strategists as a source of great weakness that the naval forces of the empire should remain divided in such a way that one-half only, either the Baltic or the Black Sea fleet, could be available at one time. Between the north and the south there is no way for naval concentration, communications being blocked in the north by climatic and in the south by political obstructions. In his dealings with his grandmother's government his Majesty the Czar is never so warm and conciliatory as when the Baltic is frozen. To this actual thermometric condition may be ascribed his recent expressed desire for peace in the east.

There is a motto in maritime affairs that nothing can be improvised; everything has to be foreseen. It was with a clear understanding of this truth that the late Czar, Alexander III., gave



THE PROPOSED CANAL.

instructions to his engineers to study the possibilities of a maritime canal to connect the Baltic with the Black Sea; this canal to be constructed with dimensions sufficient for the transit of the largest war vessels. After a thorough study of the various possible roads, one has been selected as the most practical, running, as it does, entirely through Russian territory. On the plan selected there are no great difficulties of level to be overcome, although the European watershed summit has to be crossed, but this last takes place at one of its lowest points.

The proposed canal's entrance will be on the Gulf of Riga, at the mouth of the river Duna. It will follow the course of this river up to a point above Dunsbourg. Then, leaving this valley, it reaches the Berezina river by a straight cut and passes through Babrouisk. This brings it into the Dnieper, and, following this natural declivity, it reaches the Black Sea, opening into a magnificent roadstead below Kerson. The total length of this colossal waterway will be something like 1,600 kilometres (about 1,000 miles), and it will be excavated to a depth of 81/2 metres (about 27 feet). This will allow the largest ironclads to navigate it freely from one end to the other. The estimated cost is put down at £100,-000,000.

Its strategic importance does not need demonstration. By the selection of a course running at a safe distance from the frontier it places back of the Russian forces stationed in Poland an unassallable base of operation. Fully protected already by a whole network of fortifications and railways, this canal is intended to act as a feeder for all the war material. As to the concentration of the whole Russian fleet in the Black Sea, this means an absolute control of Constantinople and the Straits.

But if this enterprise is of utmost importance in a military point of view, it will also prove unquestionably very beneficial to the agricultural and industrial interests of the country. It places vast grain producing regions in cheap communication with Odessa, the chief point of export, while the immense coal fields of southern Russia will come into easier connection with the industrial districts of Poland. There are reasons, too, to believe that new factories will develop along the canal on account of many years ago on account of this acthe cheapness of this new mode of tive sympathy with his Christian comtransport. If this scheme has been adopted, there is no doubt that the Russian tenacity will bring it to success.

Hunting in Burmab.

Burmah, the largest province of the Indian Empire, is a beautiful and very varied country, covered in many places with forests which in the month of March are bright with the many colors and sweet with the varying scents of rie Godefroy de Goupil. thousands of flowering trees and shrubs. This country is traversed by many rivers the largest of which is the Irawadi, with a course of probably eleven hundred miles from its un- 74 over 1895. Of these 309 were for known source among the snows of Thibet, down to the Bay of Bengal, first, Russia next and then Japan. In These rivers during the rainy season 1894 only 80 were exported. For 1897

their banks and spread over the plains, the flood water of the Irawadi often flowing over the country for ten or fifteen miles on either side to a depth of from four to fourteen feet. The inundated villages, however, do not suffer, as the natives, knowing what they may expect during the rainy season, are prudent enough to build their houses on piles, and the flood waters move but slowly. But one can easily imagine how unhealthy the flooded country must be, with a great heat and a burning sun. During the time of the floods, all hunting operations are carried on by the natives from boats; these boats, which are very light, being manned according to their ment is planning size with spearmen, paddlers, and steersmen. Hunting in this manner is an occupation of great danger, as it is outrival in political impossible to guess what animal may be encountered in the flooded country, and Burmah has a long list of wifd animals, including the elephant, rhinoceros, tapir, buffalo, many kinds of deer, tigers, leopards, and bears. But the Burmans are an excitable, impulsive and courageous people, and they really seem to enjoy this sport, notwithstanding the risks they run. They are also anxious to secure a hog or a deer; for although their staple food is rice, which is as cheap as it is in India, the inhabitants of Burmah eat fish or meat daily, and in all respects live better than the lower classes of India. Therefore, in going out to hunt over the flooded country, these men are in search, not only of excitement, but of to-morrow's dinner.

Arms of Starfish Thrown Off. There is found in the Mediterranean and in adjacent seas a starfish which has been noted to have when young six arms, whilst the adults only have five, and sometimes three of these arms are much smaller than the others. Dr. E. von Marenzeller has observed that the arms are actually thrown off, a not uncommon custom of echinoderms, while the disc that remains will often bud out fresh arms. The reason for this self-division he gives as follows: "The animals are affected by a certain parasite called Mysostoma, which, passing in at the mouth, takes up its quarters in the blind extensions of the stomach that pass into the arms. Here it grows, and oceasions such inconvenience to its host that the latter takes the heroic course of getting rid of the arm in which the parasite resides. At first the creature is endowed with its full complement of arms, and should parasites get into them all, they will all in turn be dispensed with and re-grown; but most cases only five are thus renewed, and occasionally only three.

Fresh and Salt Water. A striking illustration of the different effect of fresh and salt water on the hulls of ships was recently afforded by the steamers which ply on Loch Lomond when undergoing their annual overhaul. The woodwork of the vessels, as usual, showed signs of active deterioration, but so well does the fresh water of the loch preserve both iron hulls and bollers from corrosion and pitting that the maker's name upon the material of one of the vessels built thirty years ago was found intact and perfectly clean and sharp. The inside of the boilers also was found extremely free from the deleterious sea water upon iron and steel is excoating of any kind. The effect of the actly the reverse of this, but the saline properties of the ocean tend to improve woodwork.

The Prince of Armenia.

(Paris Letter.) Guy de Lusignan, prince of Armenia, Cyprus, and Jerusalem-such is the proud historic title which has descended to its present bearer from the chivalrous De Lusignan of the twelfth century, who was the foe of Sultan Saladin, and the last Christian king of Armenia. The Prince de Lusignan of today is a Parisian, by adoption, and lives up to his hereditary title by devoting his fortune, as well as his personal energies and influence, to the succor of the oppressed Armenians. Born and reared in Constantinople, he was ex-



PRINCE GUY DE LUSIGNAN. pelled from the sultan's dominions patriots. His home at Neullly, in the environs of Paris, is the headquarters of latter-day refugees from the late reign of terror of the "Butcher of the Bosporus." The General de Lusignan of Napoleon's army in Egypt'was the present prince's grandfather. His late wife, the beautiful Princesse de Lusignan, and the mother of his two surviving children, was the Comtesse Ma-

Locomotive Building in the United States. In 1896 there were built in the United States 1,175 locomotives, an increase of foreign countries. South America came (which lasts for a long time) overflow Japan has already placed orders for 70.

A New Botanical Discovery.

The Wonderful Kava-Kava Shrub. -Nature's Cure for Diseases of the Kidneys, Rheumatism and other maladies caused by Uric Acid in the Blood.—A Blessing to Sufferers.

SENT FREE TO PROVE ITS POWER.

A few weeks ago we told our readers of the new botonical discovery, the Kava-Kava Shrub, or as botanists call it, PIPER METHYSTICUM, found on the Ganges River, East India. This won-derful shrub has proved to be a true specific cure for all diseases caused by Uric Acid in the Blood, such as Kidney and Bladder disorders, Rheumatism, etc. It was no doubt used for centuries by the natives as a specific remedy for jungle fevers, miasma, and other maladies, when it was required to clean out the poisons from the Blood through the

action of the Kidneys. European physicians pronounce it the greatest medical boon since the discovery of quinine, which Shrub, was first found in use among

the natives by THE KAVA-KAVA SHRUE Christian mission-(Piper Methysticum.) aries. It is a most wonderful discovery, with a record of nearly 2,000 hospital cures in less than two months.

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The strongest testimeny is given by ministers of his gospel, doctors, business, men and others who have been restored to health by the use of Alkavis, the new remedy prepared from the Kava-Kava Shrub. The New York Christian Witness of Feb. 10th, tells the story of Rev. John H. Waison, of Sunset, Texas, stricken down by Kidney disease after thirty years' service as minister of the gospel, given up to die by two excellent doctors, and finally restored to health and to his religious duties by Alkavis. Rev. A. C. Darling, of North Constantia, N. Y., whose case is described in the Christian Advocate of Jan. b), had lest confidence, as he says, in man and medicine, and was preparing for death, when he learned of this wonderful remedy, took it, and was hesied. In his sufferings he was often compelled to rise ten times during the night from weakness of the bladder, but Aikavis quickly cured him. Many cases of Bright's Disease have been promptly cured by this wonderful shub, as testified to in the New York World, of March 9, by Hon. F. D. Jackson, Governor of Iowa, and others. Many ladies also, including Mrs. Alice Evans, of Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Mary A. Layman, of Neel, West Va. twenty Years sufferer; and Mrs. L. E. Copeland, Elik River, Minn., Join in testifying to its wonderful curative power is various forms of Kidney and alited diseases, and of other troublesome afflictions peculiar to womanhood. It is truly a wonderful diseavery and fraught with bessings to afflicted humanity.

Up to the present the Church Kidney Cure Company, 422 Fourth avenue, New York, are the only importers of Alkavis and they are so anxious to prove its sine that for the sake of introduction they with send a free treatment of Alkavis prepaid by mall to every reader of this paper who is a sufferer from any form of Kidney or Urinary Organs.

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of the Kidneys or Urinary Organs. We advise all Sufferers to send their names and address to the company, and receive the Alkavis free. It is sent to you entirely free, to prove its wonderful curative powers.

A thick tongue and a thin purse are likely to be the property of the same

Fargo, N. D., will occupy a bright but lonesome page in American history as the town that declined a congressional appropriation.

The St. Louis people are flocking in great droves to the Moody meetings, To feel the need of salvation is really the first step towards its attainment.

There is a solemn warning to the tonsorial profession in the case of the Kansas City barber who was recently compelled to submit to an operation for a lumpy jaw.

He who always complains of the cloues receives little of life's sunshine and deserves less.

Merit Wins.

The invention of Alabastine marked a new era in wall coatings, and from the standpoint of the building owner was a most important discovery. It has from a small beginning branched out into every country of the civilized world. The name "kalsomine" has become so offensive to property owners that manufacturers of cheap kalsomine preparations are now calling them by some other name, and attempting to sell on the Alabastine company's reputation.

Through extensive advertising and personal use, the merits of the durable Alabastine are so thoroughly known that the people insist on getting these goods and will take no chance of spoiling their walls for a possible saving of at the most but a few cents. Thus it is again demonstrated that merit wins, and that manufacturers of first-class articles will be supported by the people.

A Michigan girl confessed to her pastor that she had received attention from several young men and that fifteen of them had kissed her. The chief point of this profession seems to be that there are two mighty lucky young men in Michigan.

At the request of a number of young women living on Kissam street in Cleveland, O., the name of that thoroughfare has been changed by the city board of control to Ellandale avenue. When the street car conductors sang out "Kissam" it had sort of a sound which the men passengers were always in danger of mistaking for a command if there were any pretty girls in the car.

He who casts stones at another makes of himself a target for their re-

The excessive use of the bicycle k ill ed a schoolmarm in Buchanan, Mich., who might have died of dyspepsia had she neglected to take exercise. There is something in the old notions that persons don't drop off before their time

DROPSY treated free by Dr. H. H. Green's Sons, of Atlanta, Ga. The greatest dropsy specialists in the world. Read their advertisment in another column of this paper.

A messenger took great pains to break gently to a New York woman the news that her husband was at the point of death. "Then I will go upstairs," she said, "and pray that he may die to-night, so that I may collect his life insurance."

It is hard to be satisfactory. It was recently charged that a Pennsylvania preacher was not social enough; it is being charged against another preacher that he is too social.

A jag of whisky costs more than a jag

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The knack in easy travel is in knowing how to keep ready all the time.

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I shall recommend Piso's Cure for Consumption far and wide.-Mrs. Mulligan, Plumstead, Kent, England, Nov. 8, 1895.

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A young man who loves to smoke a good eigar bought 2,000 extra fine cigars and had them insured for their full value, smoked them up and then demanded his insurance, claiming that they had been destroyed by fire. The insurance company then had the young man arrested for setting fire to his own property, and the same judge ordered that he pay a fine and go to jail for three months.

Every other man who gets a marriage license wants the probate judge to keep the matter a secret. One man recently requested that his license be kept dark for a month. If a man expects to get married in public at a leading church, he insists that the probate judge shall not give away the remarkable fact that he procured a license. The fact is that when a man goes to get a license he is the biggest fool on earth, and hasn't sense enough to know how to conduct himself.

An old coat is usually found upon an old drinker.

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ation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25 cents a bottle, When it comes to the morality of our ancestors, none of us can crow; the records do not show that Adam and Eve were married.

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Father Time has to halt when he meets a woman who of her health. Time can't make her seem

mother of a family; that makes no differ-ence. She is bound to be young because her heart is young and there is rich, young blood circulating in her veins. She doesn't need cosmetics and face-powders and skin-preservers. Pure blood

is the only true skin-preserver.

But when a woman's blood is full of bilious impurities, she can neither look young nor feel young. Her whole constitution is poisoned with bad blood. It permeates every part. It paralyzes the nerve-centres; weakens the stomach; irritates the heart, preys upon the lungs and bronchial tubes.
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organs and the liver power to produce good, pure, healthy blood. It gives color to the cheeks, and sparkle to the eyes; drives away pimples and blotches; wipes away wrinkles; rounds out emaciated forms, and creates

firm, natural, healthy flesh.

Mrs. Rebecca F. Gardner, of Grafton, York Co., Va., writes: "When I was married I weighed 128 pounds. I was taken sick and reduced in health and broke out with a disease which my doctor said was eczema. He treated my disease but failed to do me any good, and I fell away to 90 pounds. I began using Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and thank God and you, I began to improve. Now I weigh 140 pounds and have only taken two bottles. I cannot say too much about the medicine. My husband says I look younger than I did the first time he saw me. 15 years ago." firm, natural, healthy flesh.



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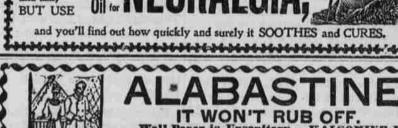
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